To: StClair, Christie[StClair.Christie@epa.gov]

From: Ethan Barton

Sent: Wed 3/30/2016 8:43:56 PM Subject: Re: Gold King Mine owner

Perfect. Thanks, Christie!

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 4:43 PM, StClair, Christie < StClair. Christie@epa.gov > wrote:

We're a go. I'll call you at 9:30 at 410-829-1738.

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From: Ethan Barton [mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:35 PM

To: StClair, Christie < StClair. Christie@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Gold King Mine owner

That's perfect. Thanks.

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 4:34 PM, StClair, Christie < StClair. Christie@epa.gov > wrote:

I'll confirm with the expert and then let you know we're a go.

This will be on background, and he's only qualified to help you work with the database more effectively – policy questions aren't his area.

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From: Ethan Barton [mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:31 PM

To: StClair, Christie < StClair.Christie@epa.gov >

Subject: Re: Gold King Mine owner

Yes, 9:30 works.

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 4:29 PM, StClair, Christie < StClair.Christie@epa.gov > wrote:

He's only free until 1. Can you talk at 9:30?

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From: Ethan Barton [mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:26 PM

To: StClair, Christie < StClair.Christie@epa.gov >

Subject: Re: Gold King Mine owner

I think 30 minutes should be fine, but can we say 45 to be safe?

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 4:23 PM, StClair, Christie < StClair.Christie@epa.gov > wrote:

Think you can cover everything in 30 minutes?

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Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC o: 202-564-2880 m: 202-768-5780 From: Ethan Barton [mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org] Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 4:23 PM **To:** StClair, Christie < StClair.Christie@epa.gov > Subject: Re: Gold King Mine owner Hey sorry I missed your call. I was away from my phone for a bit. Can we do 11:30 tomorrow? On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 4:10 PM, StClair, Christie <<u>StClair.Christie@epa.gov</u>> wrote: Hi Ethan, good news - I've found a great CERCLIS expert on staff who is happy to talk with you on background about working with the database. He's available today until 5, tomorrow from 9-10:30, or 11:30-1. Do any of those windows work for you?

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From: Ethan Barton [mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 12:25 PM **To:** StClair, Christie <<u>StClair.Christie@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: Re: Gold King Mine owner

Thanks, Christie, I'll include this. Will Hennis be one of the parties EPA could seek funding from for the Bonita Peak Mining District site?

Any updates on my CERCLIS questions?

On Wed, Mar 30, 2016 at 12:19 PM, StClair, Christie < StClair. Christie@epa.gov > wrote:

Ethan,

Here is a copy of a letter to Rep. Tipton that hopefully answers the question about threatening Hennis.

Please let me know if you need anything more.

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From: Ethan Barton [mailto:ethan@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 12:13 PM **To:** StClair, Christie <<u>StClair.Christie@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: Gold King Mine owner

Hi Christie,

Does the EPA have a response to Gold King Mine owner Todd Hennis' claim that the EPA forced him to sign a Consent for Access to Property agreement and his fear of the EPA's "limitless legal budget"?

I'm writing this for immediate publication and expect to have the story to my editor before 2 pm.

Here's the link to the original article.

http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20160329/NEWS01/160329594/Gold-

King-owner-says-EPA-forced-access-agreement-renewal
Also, any updates on my additional superfund questions?
Thanks,
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